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Dear Bureau of Indian Affairs Consultation,
Please develop tribal recognition standards that are fair to the american Indian tribes. It is a shame this arduous process exists, subjecting tribes to this dehumanizing experience to attain much needed benefits which should have been afforded to them over a hundred years ago. The Indians didn't create the unrecognized problem but are mere victims at the hands of persons responsible for their well being. Throughout these great United States there are tribal groups who were at one point identifiable and recognized but lazy bureaucrats disregarded their obligations to these tribes. Is administrative termination of these tribes legal? What is being done to correct this grievous error? In California alone there are many groups who were provided benefits one day, only to have the protection of the United States ripped out from under them the next day with no real explanation of why? Please don't hide behind the technicalities of the supposed laws and do the responsible thing of admitting past errors by recognizing California Indian tribes immediately. In Connecticut why are third parties being allowed to dictate which tribes are recognized? To use the excuse that state and local government groups have expended significant amounts of money to battle recognition of some tribes is irresponsible, what about the tribes and their limited resources? Allowing third parties to derail recognition of certain tribes, shouldn't there be an equal standard that if a recognized tribe or local government endorses a tribe for recognition wouldn't that vault a tribe to the top for potential recognition? Nowadays the BIA is presumably ran by federally recognized Indians, please do not impose a system of haves and have nots, not all tribal people have had the benefits which other Indians take for granted. Please be fair and look at past decisions and learn from them and apply them accordingly.

Sincerely,
Ferris